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SUBJECT: STUDY TO AUTOMATE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

REF: (A) ATHENS 7086, (B) DOWLING/LAEMMERZAHN TELCON JULY 14, 1976

1. BY LETTER TO TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER GEORGE VOYATZIS, THE EMBASSY CONVEYED FAA'S OFFER TO SEND EXPERT(S) TO DISCUSS WITH HELLENIC CAA TECHNICIANS THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION IN THE PREPARATION OF STUDIES INTENDED FOR THE AUTOMATION OF ATHINAI AIRPORT AND GREEK AIRSPACE (SUBPARA C, PARA 1 OF REFTEL).

2. THE EMBASSY HAS ALSO DISCUSSED WITH CAA AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES DIRECTOR DOURVARIS POSSIBILITIES OF ENGAGING FAA OR U.S. FIRMS FOR THE STUDIES. MR. DOURVARIS SAID THAT THE SELECTION OF CONSULTANT TO DO THE STUDIES POSES A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR CAA, WHICH DOES NOT FEEL QUALIFIED TO APPRAISE PROPOSALS BY PROSPECTIVE STUDY CONTRACTORS. IT HAS BEEN THEREFORE COLLECTING ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT FIRMS AND AGENCIES QUALIFIED TO DO THE STUDIES, AND PASSING IT TO THE TRANSPORT MINISTER. ACCORDING  
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TO MR. DOURVARIS, THE MINISTER SHOULD DECIDE IN TWO TO THREE

WEEKS WHETHER A GOVERNMENT AGENCY WILL BE COMMISSIONED TO DO THE JOB (THREE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE SOFRAVIA, EUROCONTROL, AND FAA) OR WHETHER TENDERS WILL BE INVITED FROM QUALIFIED FIRMS.

3. OF FIRST PRIORITY IS A STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE HELLENIC AIR FORCE RADAR ON MOUNT PILION, LEFKAS ISLAND, MOUNT PARNES, AND MOUNT ZIROS (CRETE) CAN WORK SATISFACTORILY FOR ATC PURPOSES. THIS STUDY SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN THREE TO FOUR MONTHS AND THE OVERALL ATC STUDY IN SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS. THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROCURED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL TENDERS.

AT SOME STAGE IN THE FUTURE, TERMINAL UNITS MAY BE INSTALLED AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS OF THESSALONIKI, CORFU, IRAKLION, AND RHODES. ATHINAI AIRPORT, OF COURSE, HAS FIRST PRIORITY.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE STUDY CONTRACT WILL NOT IN ITSELF BE AN EXPENSIVE PROJECT, IT COULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON THE TYPES OF EQUIPMENT EVENTUALLY SELECTED.

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